GEEZ THESE DAYS I HAVE TO BE THE ONE ADAPTING TO THE PART-TIMERS
THEY QUIT FOR SMALLEST REASONS OR LEAVE ONE VOICEMAIL AND SKIP WORK
REALLY, YOU CALLED ME FIRST TOO
WHY, DO YOU WANT ONE? TO GIVE TO YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
IT'S FINE HER EARS AREN'T PIERCED
.....
SO YOU DO ACTUALLY HAVE ONE

YOU'RE NOT REMARRYING?
YOU DIDN'T HOARD ANY GOLD DOING THIS? GOLD SEEMS TO BE THE BEST RIGHT NOW.
DON'T BE SILLY. IT'S HARD TO MAKE ENDS MEET, LET ALONE HOARD
I'M NOT GOING TO...
WHY?
I CAN'T EVEN FEED MY OWN CHILDREN.
HOW COULD I FEED SOMEONE ELSE'S CHILDREN?

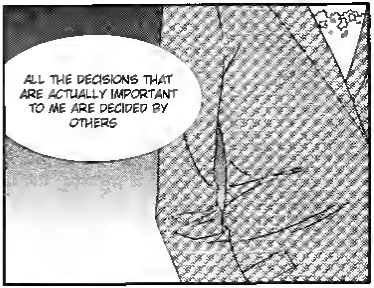
THIS IS NO GOOD. NO ONE'S COMING, SO LET'S JUST CLOSE UP AND GO. YOU MUST BE HUNGRY.
JUST WAIT A FEW MINUTES, LET ME CLEAN UP.
Let's see. Today is...
MOM.
YES?
COULD YOU SEND ME ABROAD?

EH?
YOU WANT TO STUDY ABROAD?
NO, THAT'S NOT IT...
IF I SAID I WANTED TO GO COULD I?
WHY? ARE OTHER KIDS GOING OUT TO STUDY ABROAD? IS JI-WAN GOING?
NO. JUST BECAUSE...
IF YOU WANT TO GO, I'LL SEND YOU

BUT WOULDN'T THAT BE HARD?
TO BE HONEST, YES. BUT WON'T WE BE ABLE TO WORK SOMETHING OUT IF YOU REALLY WANT TO?
HOW MUCH CAN I DO AND HOW MUCH CAN I NOT DO?
IF YOU AND I, AND WELL, YOUR DAD TRIED TOO...
IT'S FINE. I TOLD YOU I DON'T WANT TO STUDY ABROAD
I JUST WANTED TO KNOW THE POSSIBILITIES.
IT'S JUST... I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW MUCH FREEDOM I HAVE

IT FEELS LIKE A WELL-KEPT STREAM. THERE AREN'T ANY FORKS.
WHATEVER HAPPENS, I CAN'T STOP IT OR AVOID IT.
I FEEL LIKE I HAVE NO CHOICE IN ANY PART OF MY LIFE.
ISN'T THERE USUALLY SUPPOSED TO BE #1 OR #2?
BUT ALL I SEE IN FRONT OF ME IS #1.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I CRY ABOUT HATING IT, I CAN ONLY CHOOSE #1.

NOT STUFF LIKE SHOULD I EAT NOODLES OR RAMEN? OR RIDE THE SUBWAY OR BUS?
THOSE AREN'T REALLY LIFE'S CROSSROADS


ALL THE DECISIONS THAT ARE ACTUALLY IMPORTANT TO ME ARE DECIDED BY OTHERS

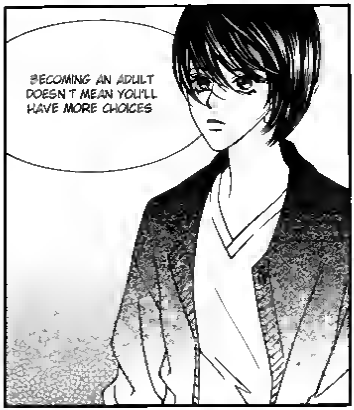
NO MATTER WHAT I HAD DONE...
YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE COME BACK HUH?

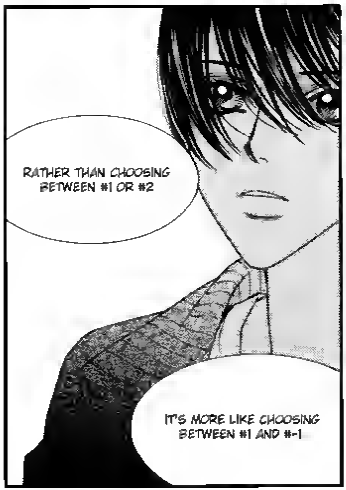
NOW I'M REALLY
BACK THEN AND NOW TOO
TIRED OF BEING A KID

I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT YOUR DAD AND MYSELF.
NO, I DIDN'T BRING THIS UP TO PRESS THAT ISSUE
I WANT TO
THEN
IT'S PROBABLY RARE FOR A KID WHO DECIDES ON THINGS ALONE
HURRY UP AND BECOME AN ADULT
I WOULDN'T HAVE TO LEAVE HER ALONE
THAT'S WHAT FEELS SO SUFFOCATING

WELL... SEH-GYUM

OF COURSE THERE WILL BE A FEW MORE, BUT WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT...
'YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE' BECOMES THE THOUGHT THAT OVERPOWERS ALL OTHERS


BECOMING AN ADULT DOESN'T MEAN YOU'LL HAVE MORE CHOICES


RATHER THAN CHOOSING BETWEEN #1 OR #2
IT'S MORE LIKE CHOOSING BETWEEN #1 AND #-1

YOU CAN'T CHOOSE THE NEGATIVE
THERE ARE CHAINS OF THOSE DECISIONS AS AN ADULT

SO DAD WAS A NEGATIVE TO YOU?
RATHER THAN HIM BEING A NEGATIVE.
LIVING WITH YOUR DAD WAS A NEGATIVE TO ME
BUT I DO ALWAYS THINK ABOUT HOW IF WE HAD BROKEN UP A BIT MORE NATURALLY...
WHAT'S HAPPENED IS ALREADY PAST, MOM
BUT AT LEAST, YOU CAN STILL CHOOSE THE ONE THAT'S NOT A NEGATIVE

BUT KIDS, CLEARLY KNOWING THAT THEY'RE NEGATIVES,
CAN STILL DO NOTHING BUT GO THE WAY THEY'RE PUSHED
...THIS IS TOO MUCH, HONESTLY.
BEING KICKED THIS WAY AND THAT
ROLLING THIS WAY AND THAT.

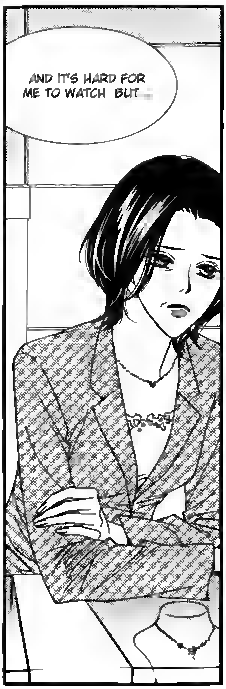
BUT SHE CAN'T SAY A SINGLE WORD ABOUT HATING IT
THERE'S NO ONE IN THE WORLD TO BE MAD AT, SO
SHE SMILES
WANT TO COME WITH ME?
I WISH I COULD'VE ANSWERED HER WITH CONFIDENCE
I'LL GO WITH YOU, OR I'LL MAKE IT SO THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO
EVEN IF IT DOESN'T END UP HAPPENING THAT WAY

BUT WE'RE SO CLEARLY POWERLESS,
THAT I COULDN'T EVEN VOCALIZE THOSE EMPTY PROMISES
AND ALL I DID WAS, MISERABLY MUMBLE
WORDS THAT JUST FLOATED AROUND FOR A WHILE AND DISAPPEARED
MEANINGLESS WORDS THAT WOULDN'T HELP, NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I SAID THEM

IS THAT REALLY THE END?
EVEN IF A CHOICE OTHER THAN #1 APPEARS...
WILL IT ALWAYS BE JUST #-1?

I SEE THAT THERE'S SOMETHING YOU'RE UPSET ABOUT.
PLEASE, WOULD YOU TELL ME PROPERLY?
YOU CAME HERE BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO TALK ABOUT IT, RIGHT? TELL ME.
.....
MY FRIEND

KEEPS BEING PUSHED AROUND BY THE ADULTS


AND IT'S HARD FOR ME TO WATCH BUT...

YOUR GIRLFRIEND?

THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO

OH MY...
EXACTLY WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?
I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL BE ABLE TO HELP, BUT TELL ME
A GIRL I LIKE
...I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START...

TELL ME FROM THE BEGINNING ALL OF IT.
I DON'T CARE HOW LONG THE STORY IS.
...AT FIRST,
SHE CAME TO LIVE AT OUR HOUSE
SO, SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR UNTIL RECENTLY, SHE WAS AT OUR HOUSE.

HUH?
NO, SHE WASN'T A RUNAWAY OR ANYTHING
OH, YOU MIGHT KNOW? I HEARD HER MOM WAS A CELEBRITY THAT WORKED WITH DAD A LONG TIME AGO.
HER NAME WAS
HER MOM PASSED AWAY AND HER DAD WENT OUT OF THE COUNTRY, SO SHE WAS ALONE
ANYWAY, SO DAD BROUGHT HER HOME.
PASSED AWAY?

YEAH. TWO YEARS AGO OR SOMETHING.
BY ANY CHANCE
THAT GIRL...
DID SHE SAY HER NAME WAS YOUNG-EUN?
OH YEAH I THINK SO.
YOU MEAN MI-HYANG?

YOU KNOW HER TOO ..?
YEAH? IS IT TRUE, MOM?
NO, JUST... I WAS JUST CURIOUS 'CAUSE I FORGOT...

YES, I ATE DINNER I'LL BE BACK LATER

WHAT'S UP?

LINDSAY
THE ACTRESS THAT MY UNCLE LIKED WAS MI-HYANG'S MOM
REALLY?
YEAH, THAT'S WHY I KEPT THINKING I SAW HER SOMEWHERE BEFORE. I MUST'VE SEEN HER WHEN THE SCRAPBOOK PICTURES WERE FLYING AROUND IN THE HOUSE
Since my mom and I picked them all up to throw away
WOW, YOU'RE INCREDIBLE HOW CAN YOU REMEMBER SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
IT'S A SMALL WORLD LIKE THAT SIX-DEGREE SEPARATION STUFF.
NO. THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM, LINDSAY
I'M SURE IT WAS JUST A RUMOR, BUT
YOU'RE SAYING YOUNG-EUN'S DAUGHTER WAS IN YOUR HOUSE?!

THERE WAS A SCANDAL WITH HER EX-MANAGER AFTER SHE GOT MARRIED
SO THE WHOLE HOUSEHOLD WAS A MESS FOR A WHILE
REALLY REALLY NOW
THEN THAT EXPLAINS WHY SEH-GYUM S PARENTS GOT DIVORCED
HA...!
YOUR DAD, REALLY, HOW COULD HE...

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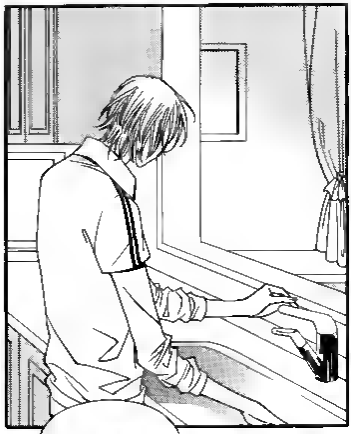
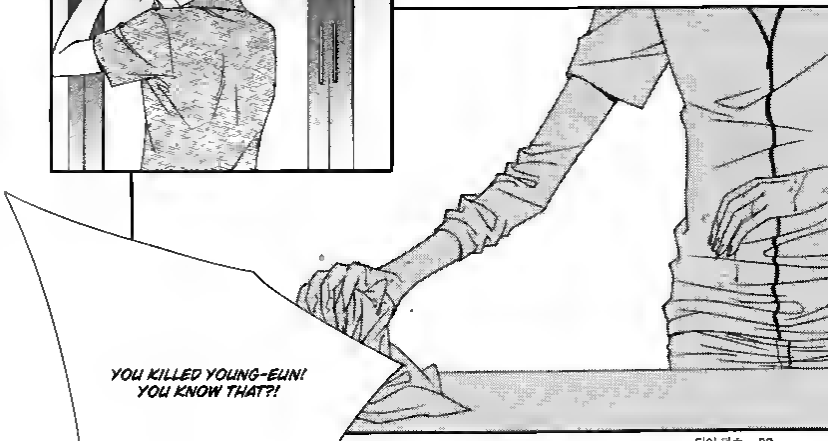
R
OH... WHAT AN UNEXPECTED CALL
WHAT? WHY ARE YOU ACTING SO...
WHAT HAPPENED? WHY ARE YOU YELLING...?
HOW COULD HE!

HUH? OH...
I MEAN, A YOUNG GIRL LIKE THAT WITHOUT HER MOM WAS...
LISTEN, HOW COULD I NOT IN THAT SITUATION...
WHAT...
WHAT KIND OF NONSENSE ARE YOU SPOUTING?! THAT'S ENOUGH!
SHE'S A KID! SHE CAME TO ME AFTER GOING THROUGH SOMETHING LIKE THAT AND HAD NOWHERE ELSE TO GO!
...YEAH, IF IT WAS YOU, YOU WOULD'VE, MERCILESSLY!



EVEN THOUGH YOU KNEW WHAT YOUNG-EUN HAD TO GO THROUGH
HOW COULD YOU, LIKE THAT

YOU
YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY THAT


YOU KILLED YOUNG-EUN! YOU KNOW THAT?!

WHAT ABOUT YOUNG-EUN AND ME?
SHE WAS LIKE A YOUNGER SISTER TO ME! SHE THOUGHT THE SAME TOO! YOU KNEW THAT!
IF IT WASN'T YOU?
YOU THINK IT'D BE FINE IF YOU JUST KEEP DENYING IT?
THEY CORNERED HER, AND THAT'S HOW SHE ENDED UP! YOU DID IT!
BUT YOU HAD TO GO AND TELL THEIR FAMILY SOME RIDICULOUS...

RIGHT, IF IT WASN'T YOU, THEN WHO DID IT? WHO WOULD DO THAT?
WHO ELSE BUT YOU...
PLEASE DON'T YELL AT MOM.
BECAUSE IT WASN'T HER

IT WAS ME
LINDSAY, WHEN DID YOU FIND OUT?
I TOLD THEM
I REALLY DIDN'T KNOW

I KEPT THINKING IT WASN'T POSSIBLE
THAT THERE WAS NO WAY I COULD
BUT
I WANTED TO GO
I WANTED TO PUSH SEH-GYUM ASIDE
AND GO TO MI-HYANG

YEAH YOU WERE RIGHT
I LIKE HER

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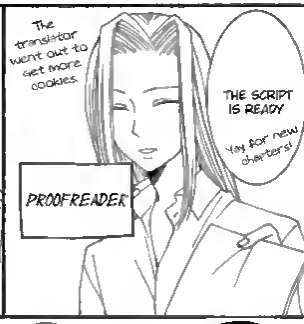

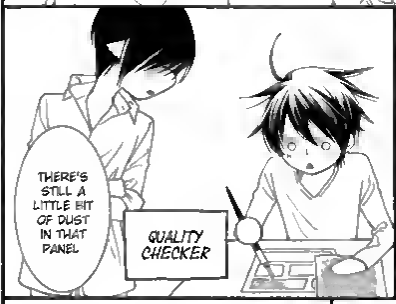

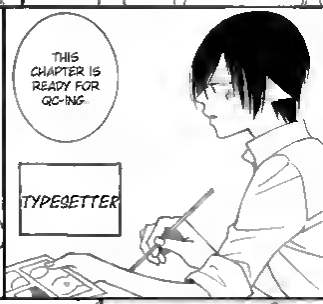

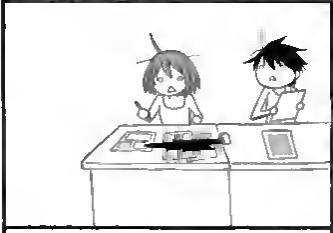

AH! THE TRANSLATOR FORGOT TO TRANSLATE THIS SFX.
YOU NOISY PEST. WHO CARES?!
NO ONE'LL NOTICE IT!
THIS BUBBLE IS NOT CENTERED LET ME FIX IT
AH
SHUDDUP! DON'T TOUCH IT!
BUMP

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